A SNAKE'S
CONFESSION

A STUFFED SPECI-MEN!?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

THAT'S WHY I WANT IT.
IT IS SAID THAT SNAKES BRING GREAT FORTUNE.
THIS IS A MAGATAMA SNAKE... IT'S AN EXTREMELY RARE SPECIES!
I WANT TO BUY IT.
IF I CAN MAKE THIS RARE SNAKE INTO A STUFFED SPECIMEN, FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, MY FAMILY WILL BE BLESSED AND PROSPEROUS.
I HAVE A LOT OF RESEARCH TO DO ON IT.
IT TOOK ME TWO WINTERS IN THE MOUNTAINS TO CATCH IT.
NO!

QUIT BEING A STINKY BREEDER AND YOU CAN BECOME A ZOOLOGIST.
LISTEN, MR. SEKI...
YOU'RE STUPID.
I WOULDN'T SELL IT FOR TEN MILLION!
HARD-HEADED IDIOT!
NO ONE SHALL LAY HIS HANDS ON IT! UNDERSTAND?
LEAVE! THIS SNAKE IS MINE!
CLOMP
CLOMP
CLOMP
CREEEK
GIVE ME A RING IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART.

CREEEK
HM!
CREEEK
I'M NOT GIVING THIS SNAKE UP!
LEAVE ALREADY!

AH.
YOU...?
I KNEW YOU WERE HERE I LOOKED EVERY-WHERE...
FOR YOU

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? STOP!
OPEN!
IT DOESN'T OPEN!
CLANG CLANG
CLANG
PLEASE
PLEASE... GIVE ME THIS SNAKE.
YOU MUST KNOW.
THAT THE MAGATAMA SNAKES ARE THREATENED BY EXTINCTION.
WHO ARE YOU?
WHY SHOULD I GIVE MY SNAKE AWAY TO A STRANGER?
I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN, BUT WE HAVE TO LET THE SNAKE GO

HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S A MALE?
FROM THE COMMA-SHAPED MARK ON HIS HEAD
THERE ARE FEWER MALES THAN FEMALES. AND THIS...
THIS IS THE LAST MALE ALIVE...
FEMALES HAVE THE SAME MARK
...ON THEIR NECK.
PLEASE.

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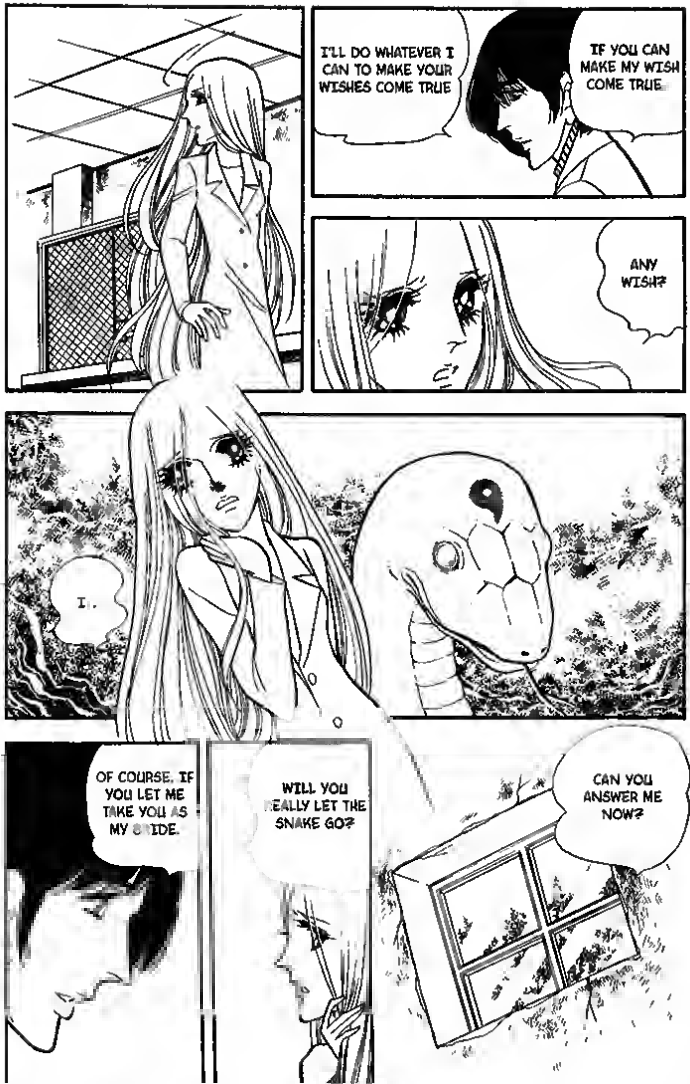
I CAN'T ALLOW THAT.
SWISH
PLEASE RETURN HIM TO HIS KIND.
OTHERWISE THEY'LL GO EXTINCT.
CLANK
I WON'T LET HIM GO UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES
SLICK
NO! HE WON'T LIKE THAT.
HERE YOU GO, DEAR.
REGAIN YOUR STRENGTH AND SOON.
RIBBIT
YOU HAVE TO FEED HIM LIVE ANIMALS.

CARE FOR HIM...?
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LET HIM GO, CAN I AT LEAST CARE FOR HIM?
BUT YOU...
YES I'D LIKE TO BE YOUR ASSISTANT.
TAMAKO
I'M TAMAKO.

SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
CLICK
MMMMMEOW
HMHM..
IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE YOU STARTED. HOW ARE YOU CAPTURING THOSE LIVE ANIMALS?
SLAM
CLICK

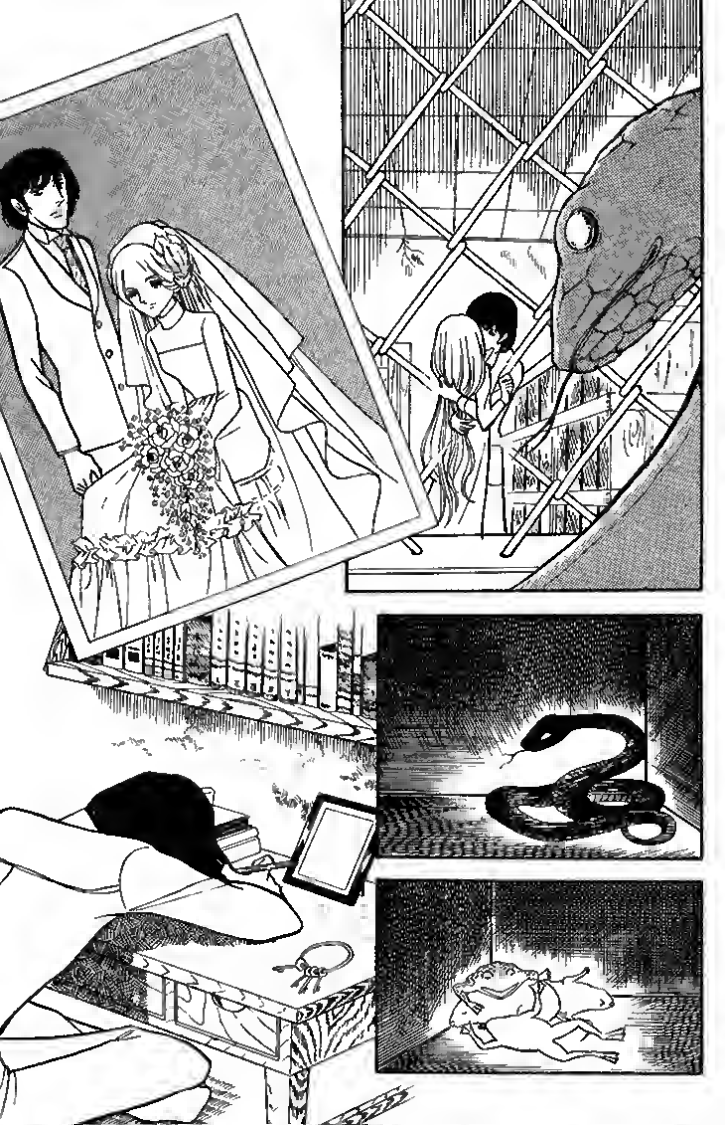
WHAT!?
MARRY ME, TAMAKO.
ACK!
I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU.

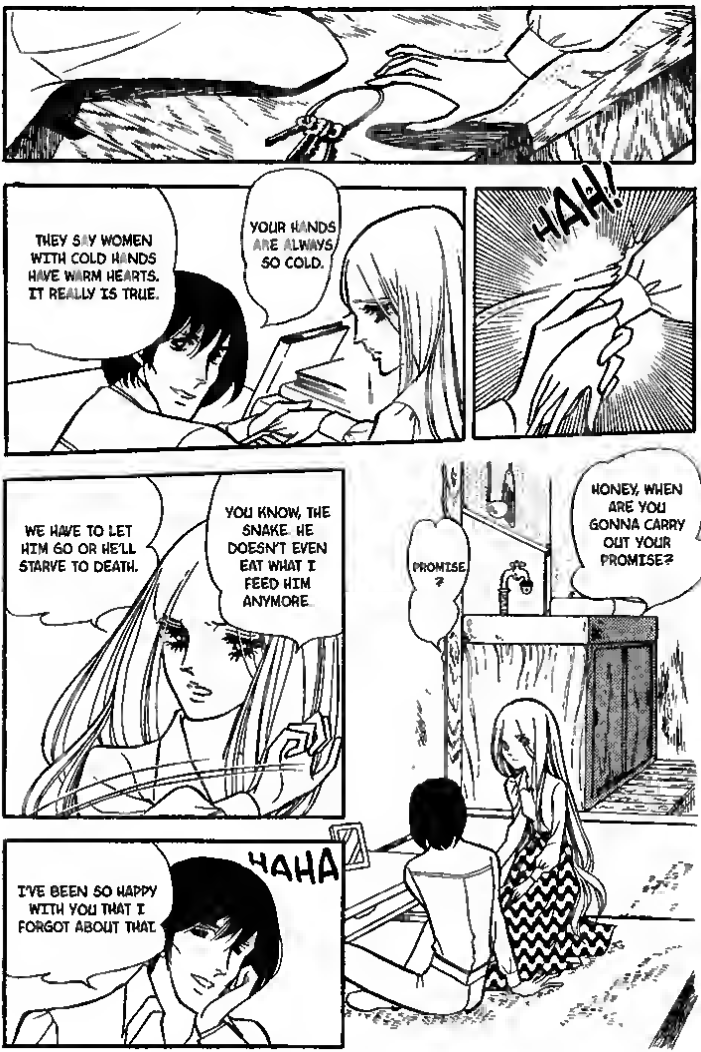

I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MAKE YOUR WISHES COME TRUE
IF YOU CAN MAKE MY WISH COME TRUE
ANY WISH?
I..
OF COURSE. IF YOU LET ME TAKE YOU AS MY BRIDE.
WILL YOU REALLY LET THE SNAKE GO?
CAN YOU ANSWER ME NOW?

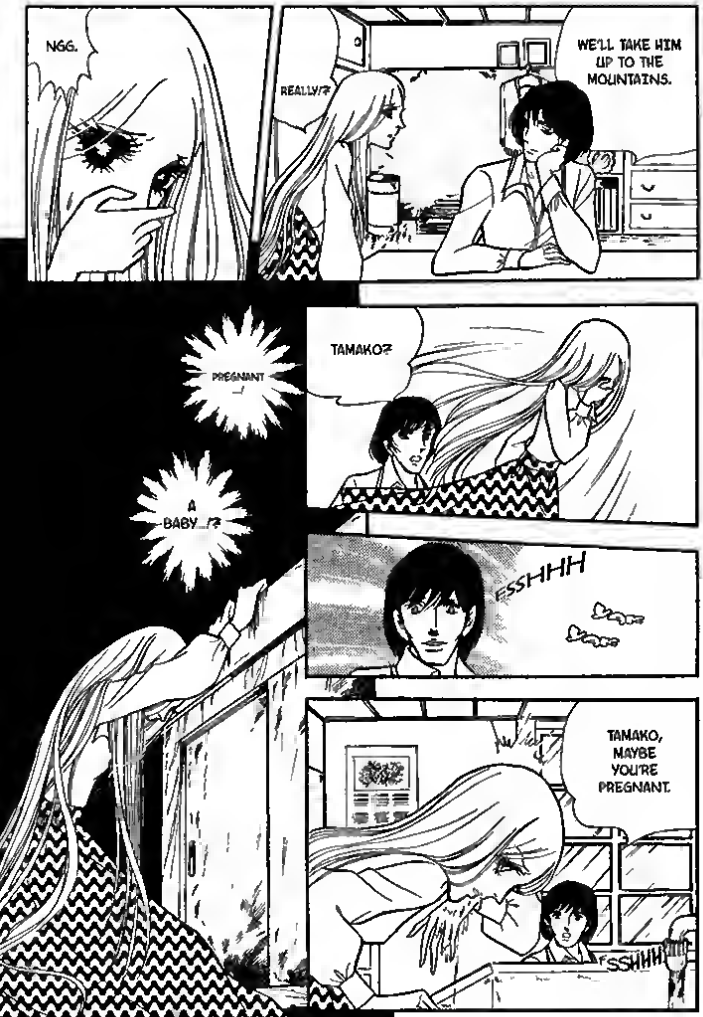
IN THAT CASE I...
TAMAKO!
SQUEEAK
!?
SQUEAK
SQUEAK

AAAAH
FORGIVE ME !
I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE .
HE'S REALLY ENJOYING HIS MEAL

I LOVE YOU, TAMAKO.
SLAM
WAM



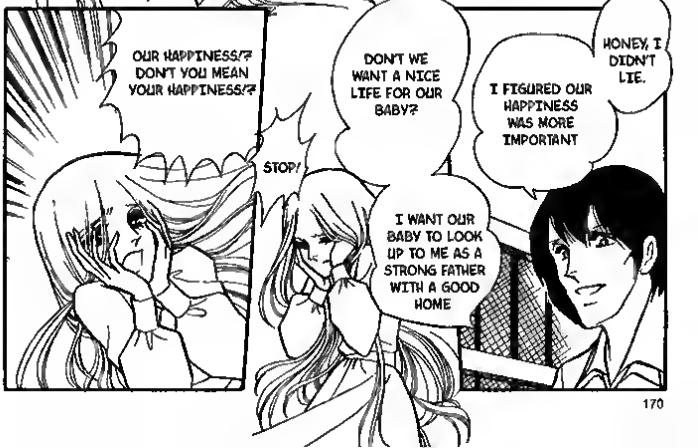

THEY SAY WOMEN WITH COLD HANDS HAVE WARM HEARTS. IT REALLY IS TRUE.
YOUR HANDS ARE ALWAYS SO COLD.
YAH!
WE HAVE TO LET HIM GO OR HE'LL STARVE TO DEATH.
YOU KNOW, THE SNAKE. HE DOESN'T EVEN EAT WHAT I FEED HIM ANYMORE.
PROMISE ?
HONEY, WHEN ARE YOU GONNA CARRY OUT YOUR PROMISE?
I'VE BEEN SO HAPPY WITH YOU THAT I FORGOT ABOUT THAT.
HAHA


NGG.
REALLY!?
WE'LL TAKE HIM UP TO THE MOUNTAINS.
TAMAKO!?
PREGNANT
A BABY!?
SSHHH
TAMAKO, MAYBE YOU'RE PREGNANT.
SSHHH

LET'S BUY A WOODEN ROCKING HORSE.
BRILLIANT! WE'LL NEED A BED FOR THE BABY.
I'M PREG-NANT!
WE NEED A BIG GARDEN FOR OUR BABY!
THIS ROOM IS TOO SMALL.
WITH A HUMAN BABY..

THE SNAKE'S RIGHT HERE.
THE SNAKE!
OH NO!?
MONEY!? HOW IS THIS ..?
LOOK.
HOW COULD YOU!?
I SOLD IT TO THIS GUY WHO'S WANTED IT FOR AGES.
THIS IS WHAT'S LEFT OF THE SNAKE.

I NEVER IMAGINED ANYONE WOULD SPEND THIS MUCH MONEY FOR A STUFFED SPECIMEN
A STUFFED SPECIMEN!
YOU LIED TO ME!
YOU SAID YOU'D LET HIM GO!


HONEY, I DIDN'T LIE.
I FIGURED OUR HAPPINESS WAS MORE IMPORTANT
DON'T WE WANT A NICE LIFE FOR OUR BABY?
I WANT OUR BABY TO LOOK UP TO ME AS A STRONG FATHER WITH A GOOD HOME
STOP!
OUR HAPPINESS!? DON'T YOU MEAN YOUR HAPPINESS!?

TAMAKO! I DID IT FOR YOU AND THE BABY!
AH...
TAMAKO!
UM...
HAH HAH!
WELCOME! CAN I HELP YOU, MISS?

NO...
NO...
NO!
WHERE IS HE?

HOW CRUEL OF THEM...
OH NO
OH, IT'S SO CRUEL...

BBLE

FORGIVE ME.
I COULDN'T SAVE HIS LIFE...
THE LAST MALE THAT COULD SAVE US IS GONE..
PUNISH ME!
PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH SUCH COLD EYES!
I EVEN SACRIFICED MY OWN BODY...
TAKE MY LIFE FROM ME...
WRAP YOURSELVES AROUND ME AND STRANGLE ME ALL YOU WANT...

WAIT! KILL ME..!
KILL ME FIRST!
WE ARE THE MAGA-TAMAS
WE ARE DESTINED TO CEASE TO EXIST.
YOU'RE A FILTHY WOMAN
IMPREGNATED BY A HUMAN.
YOU ARE NO LONGER ONE OF US.
DON'T SHOW YOURSELF IN FRONT OF US ANYMORE...
..

WE ARE THE MAGATAMAS...
WE ARE DESTINED TO CEASE TO EXIST...
ARE YOU SAYING YOU ARE ACTUALLY AN INCARNATION OF A SNAKE?
OH.
MY HUSBAND'S COMING MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
YES. SEE? MY BABY IS ABOUT DUE.

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING. I'M ZOOLOGIST SEKI
CLIK
H-HELLO!
SEEING YOUR REACTION, I BET MY WIFE WAS TRYING TO SCARE YOU SAYING SHE'S ACTUALLY A SNAKE.
AHAHA
PHEW
SHE MADE IT SOUND SO REAL THAT I NEARLY BELIEVED HER
I'M SORRY TO HEAR THAT.
SHE STARTED TALKING LIKE THAT AFTER THE MISCARRIAGE.
BABY...
MY BABY

JUST LIKE THERE'S A MAN WHO CAN TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO THE DEVIL OR A HUMAN.
THANK YOU
THIS IS AN INTERVIEW FOR A SCHOOL NEWSPAPER, YES? I'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AS BEST AS I CAN
BUT. MAYBE. MAYBE SHE CAN.
. TRANSFORM HERSELF INTO A SNAKE OR A HUMAN.

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